

# Alena Nicholson

## EXPERIENCE

### **Volunteer Photographer + Social Media Intern,** PAWS CHICAGO

Jul. 2016 - Sept. 2016, Chicago, IL

Responsible for creating photographs for online animal profiles at the shelter. Created image and video content for social media channels. Crafted a self-motivated 'Fostering for the First Time' multimedia documentary project.

### **Freelance Photographer,** THE ALENA NICHOLSON

2012 - Present, Chicago, IL (+ beyond)

Photographed weddings, portraits, and social media content for businesses.

### **Cheerleading + Paddleboard Instructor,** CULVER SUMMER SCHOOLS AND CAMPS

Summers 2014 + 2015, Culver, IN

Taught children between the ages of 14-18 during a 6 week camp period. Both curricula involved leadership and safety understanding. Successfully self-taught paddle board yoga to implement during class. Headstands included.

### **Assistant Photographer,** MARY CLARE PHOTOGRAPHY

Summer 2013, Libertyville, IL

Assisted on wedding shoots, post-production and digitally delivering product to clients.

### **Administrative Assistant,**

EWMS EveryWarehouse

Summer 2011, Evanston, IL

Responsible for organizing, labeling, and filing all previous and incoming invoices into the company's resources. Also performed various tasks such as research, computer work and travel arrangements.

## EDUCATION

### **Bath Spa University**

2014 – 2017, Bath, England

BA (Hons) Photography from Bath School of Art and Design

### **Culver Academies**

2010 – 2014, Culver, IN

High School Diploma, Honors in Photography

## SKILLS

Thrives off of working as a part of a team, comfortable with photography, editing and book design. Works well with people, is adaptable, has outstanding communication skills and a bright personality.

## SOFTWARE

Photoshop  
Mac OSX

InDesign  
Nikon

Final Cut  
Social Media

## HONORS

**Fine Arts Honor Society**  
CULVER ACADEMIES  
2013

**The Bath Spa Award**  
BATH SPA UNIVERSITY  
2017